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NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 5
INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: A.A. Brant House
COMMON NAME: Brant House
LOCATION: 9 Allen Street
Toms River, N.J.
BLOCK/LOT: 665/9 .65 acres
UTM Reference 18/568740/4422440
MUNICIPALITY: Dover Township
COUNTY: Ocean
OWNER/ADDRESS: Dr. & Mrs. John Kengeter
448 Lakehurst Rd., Toms River, N.J. 08753
ORIGINAL USE: Residence
PRESENT USE: Professional offices
USGS QUAD:

DESCRIPTION
Construction Date: 1867
Source of Date: N.J. Courier
Sept. 5, 1867
Architect:
Builder: Joseph A. Pharo

Style: Vernacular Queen Ann
Number of Stories: 2

Foundation: Brick
Form/Plan Type: "T" shaped

Structural System: Wood frame

Exterior Wall Fabric: Altered. Aluminum siding

Fenestration: 4x4 DHS-South bay window

Entrance Location: West

Roof/Chimneys: Gable/ 1 interior brick

Additional Architectural Description:

Multi-additions to south facade including porch and bay window.

MAP (Indicate North) See map 2

(5) A.A. Brant House
Old Village of Toms River
Multiple Resource Nomination
Photographer: Kevin McGorty
Date of photo: Summer 1980
Negative: Cult. & Heritage Comm.
View: North

OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION, 109 WEST STATE STREET, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625 (609)292-2023

SITING AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Located in a part residential and professional office area. The A.A. Brant House is situated on a high bluff overlooking the Toms River.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open Space [ ] Woodland [ ] Scattered Buildings [ ]
Suburban [ ] Urban [ ] Residential [X] Agricultural [ ] Industrial [ ]
Downtown Commercial [ ] Highway Commercial [ ] Other [ ]

SIGNIFICANCE:

Joseph A. Pharo of Barnegat, a local builder, built this house for Edward Taylor at the same time that he built the Mott House and the Francis House on East Water Street. The Taylor heirs sold the house to Julia A. Hanington of Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1882. She and her son Robert were artists who painted many river scenes in and around Toms River. Robert built the studio in back of the house which connected with the carriage house.

The house was sold to A.A. Brant, a local banker and coal and lumber merchant in 1899. The house was again sold to another artist, Florence A. Chalfont of Philadelphia in 1927 who used the studio until her heirs sold it to Harry C. Shinn who converted the studio into an engineering office in 1934.

The most significant period of this house was during the occupancy of the artists, however, the prominance of A.A. Brant, in local affairs, has tended to give the house his name.

PHYSICAL CONDITION: Excellent [ ] Good [X] Fair [ ] Poor [ ]
REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes [ ] Possible [ ] No [ ] As part of district [X]
THREATS TO STRUCTURE: Roads [ ] Development [X] Zoning [ ] Deterioration [ ]
No Threat [ ] Other [ ]
COMMENTS:

The Kengeter's who purchased the house in 1978, have done a commendable job in restoring the house, even though they used aluminum siding. They have preserved the house and are in the process of restoring the sloping grounds to Water Street which runs along the river's edge.

The preservation of this house is restoring the river front concept.

REFERENCES:

New Jersey Courier (Toms River), September 5, 1867
Ocean County Courthouse. Deed records. Toms River, N.J.

RECORDED BY: Pauline S. Miller and Kevin McGorty
ORGANIZATION: Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission
DATE: June 1980

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National Park Service

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Old Village of Toms River Multiple Resource Area
State New Jersey

Nomination/Type of Review			Date/Signature
1. Williams House	Substantive Review	Keeper	
		Attest	
2. Birdsall, Amos Capt., House	Substantive Review	Keeper	5/13/82
		Attest	
3. Stewart House	Substantive Review	Keeper	5/13/82
		Attest	
4. Crawford House	Substantive Review	Keeper	5/13/82
		Attest	
5. Stoutenburgh-Minturn House	Substantive Review	Keeper	5/13/82
		Attest	
6. Horner House	Substantive Review	Keeper	5/13/82
		Attest	
7. House at 80 E. Water Street	Substantive Review	Keeper	
		Attest	
8. Ocean County Courthouse	Substantive Review	Keeper	8/16/83
		Attest	
9. Brant, A. A., House	Substantive Review	Keeper	5/13/82
		Attest	
10. Ocean County Jail	Substantive Review	Keeper	8/16/83
		Attest	

Substantive Review

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EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET (Old Village of Long Beach Island MRA)

Property: Brant, A. A., House
State, County: NJ, Ocean
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. S'2982-1002
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-11-83
Date Due: 4-29-82 / 5-13-82
Action: ✓ ACCEPT 5/13/82
___ RETURN
___ REJECT

___ resubmission
___ nomination by person or local government
___ owner objection
___ appeal

photos ✓
maps ___

Substantive Review: ___ sample ___ request ___ appeal ✓ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

ASSOCIATED WITH SUMMER RESORT.

Recom./Criteria A
Reviewer MAC DOUGAC
Discipline ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY
Date 5/13/82
___ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ___ technical corrections cited below
___ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes ___ no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	___ original site
___ good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved date ___
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

___X___ summary paragraph
___✓___ completeness
___✓___ clarity
___X___ alterations/integrity COULD HAVE BEEN MORE EXPLICIT.
___✓___ dates
___✓___ boundary selection

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8. Significance

Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates | Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

__X__ summary paragraph
__✓__ completeness
__✓__ clarity
__✓__ applicable criteria
__✓__ justification of areas checked (IN COLOR)
__✓__ relating significance to the resource
__✓__ context
__X__ relationship of integrity to significance ALTERATIONS MAY HAVE APPEARED DURING RESORT ERA — SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE SPECIFIC.
__N/A__ justification of exception
__NO__ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UMT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state ___ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title | date

13. Other

_____ Maps
_____ Photographs
_____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

Please refer to the map in the Multiple Property Cover Sheet for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000495